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In the Application of :  
**D. N. RUBINGH ET AL.** : Confirmation No.: 8554  
Serial No.: 09/618,235 : Group Art Unit: 1652  
Filed: July 18, 2000 : Examiner:

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

(With Certification)

Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, record is being made below in a Form PTO-1449 of documents which the Patent Office may wish to consider in connection with examination of the above-identified patent application. It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in this case. As provided in §1.97(g), no representation is made or intended that a thorough art search was made. As provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(h), this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission of any kind, and specifically is not an admission that the documents listed on attached form PTO-1449 are, or are considered to be, material to the patentability of the above-identified patent application, as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

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This information disclosure statement is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). Applicants have not received a final action under §1.113, an action which otherwise closes prosecution, or a notice of allowance under §1.311 as of the date of this submission.

☒ A certification as specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) is submitted herewith.

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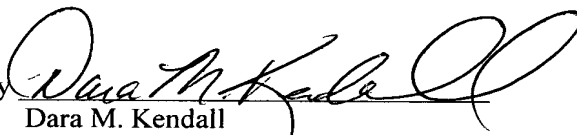
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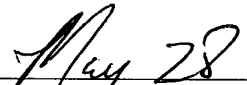
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Respectfully submitted,

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